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SUBJECT: MOBUTU'S VISIT TO SENEGAL

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1. SUMMARY: ZAIRE'S PRESIDENT MOBUTU SESE SEKO VISITED DAKAR BRIEFLY FROM AFTERNOON JUNE 17 TO LATE MORNING JUNE 18. DELICATE TIMING PERMITTED MOBUTU TO ARRIVE JUST AFTER DEPARTURE OF MALI'S MOUSSA TRAORE. VISIT APPEARED TO HAVE DOUBLE PURPOSE OF THANKING PRESIDENT SENGHOR FOR SENEGAL'S SUPPORT OF ZAIRE AT TIME OF SHABA CRISIS, AND STRENGTHENING TIES AMONG MODERATE AFRICAN STATES, ALTHOUGH MOBUTU REPORTEDLY REJECTS "MODERATE REVOLUTIONARY" TERMINOLOGY. IN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED JUNE 21 IN DAKAR'S GOVERNMENT-OWNED LE SOLEIL, MOBUTU MADE SEVERAL COMMENTS ABOUT U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS ANDREW YOUNG. END SUMMARY.

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2. ZAIRE'S PRESIDENT MOBUTU SESE SEKO ARRIVED IN DAKAR FROM RABAT ABOARD HIS DC-10 AFTERNOON OF JUNE 17, BARELY MINUTES AFTER DEPARTURE OF MALI'S MOUSSA TRAORE.

3. MOBUTU EFFUSIVELY THANKED HIS "FRIEND AND BROTHER" PRESIDENT SENGHOR, AND THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF

SENEGAL FOR THE MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT" THEY LENT TO HIS COUNTRY. EMBASSY COMMENT: SENEGAL SENT TWO CARAVELLES LOADED WITH MEDICINES, PERMITTED FRENCH AIRLIFT PLANES TO LAND AND REFUEL AT DAKAR, AND SENT ITS DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, LT. COL. JOSEPH TAVARES, TO KINSHASA. THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION THAT PRESIDENT SENGHOR MAY HAVE PLED ZAIRE'S CASE WITH FRANCE'S GISCARD D'ESTAING PRIOR TO THE FRENCH DECISION TO INTERVENE. PRESIDENT SENGHOR CERTAINLY MADE CLEAR HIS APPROVAL OF FRENCH ACTIONS AT APRIL DAKAR FRANCO-AFRICAN SUMMIT. END COMMENT.

4. IN A JUNE 21 INTERVIEW PUBLISHED WITH BARA DIOUF, EDITOR OF GOS OWNED DAILY LE SOLEIL, MOBUTU REJECTED ANY DIVISION OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES INTO "PROGRESSIVE" AND "MODERATE" CAMPS. "THESE ARE THE IDEAS BY WHICH A CERTAIN PRESS, CERTAIN FORCES, WANT TO CUT AFRICA IN TWO." AT THE SAME TIME HE PRAISED THE RECENTLY SIGNED SEVEN-NATION CEAO MUTUAL DEFENSE AND NON-AGGRESSION PACT.

5. SPEAKING OF COUNTRIES WHICH AIDED ZAIRE DURING THE SHABA FIGHTING, HE MENTIONED THE U.S.: "OBVIOUSLY, THE UNITED STATES DIDN'T WANT TO SEND MUNITIONS, BUT ASIDE FROM THAT, THEY DIDN'T SKIMP WITH THEIR AID." THIS LED TO A QUESTION FROM LE SOLEIL EDITOR BARA DIOUF AS TO MOBUTU'S VIEW OF ANDREW YOUNG. MOBUTU SAID THAT HE HAD ATTACKED NEITHER YOUNG PERSONALLY NOR THE POLICIES WHICH HE ENUNCIATED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN NAME OF PRESIDENT CARTER. HOWEVER, HE FELT SOME OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S IDEAS CONCERNING DANGER OF A MARXIST AFRICA WERE NOT CORRECT.

6. MOBUTU LEFT DAKAR IN THE LATE MORNING OF JUNE 18 FOR ABIDJAN.

7. TEXT OF INTERVIEW BEING POUCHED TO WASHINGTON, KINSHASA, AND USUN. AGGREY

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